Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I searched for that question, but I was not able to find it out.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—In the Meenam session, this was one of the reasons given by the Hon'ble Member for Agriculture and Panchayats that the land-holders near the *chira* objected to it. May I know whether any local gentlemen objected to it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

165. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there are complaints about the rules regarding the supply of water that is now stored within Manappattu *chira*;

(b) whether the Government are refusing water for the cultivation of any field lying within the local limits within which water is supplied; if so, why;

(c) whether any excess water is let out of the *chira* during the monsoon time, and whether the excess water thus let out is allowed to be diverted for use of 'കാൽ' cultivation; if not, why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) There was no refusal to supply water to any of the lands included in the Ayacut list.

(c) Yes. The water so let out is being utilised for feeding the lands included in the Ayacut list.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—For the first part the answer is 'no'. Was any petition received during the last two or three months?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, there was a petition, and the fault mentioned in the petition was looked into and rectified. There was no mistake in the rule; it is only in its application.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Whether the Government are refusing water for the cultivation of any field lying within the local limits within which water is supplied, and the answer is there was no refusal to supply water to any of the lands included in the Ayacut list. That is not an answer to my question. My question is, 'is water refused to any land within which water is supplied'?

Mr. V K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not understand what he means by local limits.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Lands which are lying between the *chira* and the lands to which water is supplied.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The supply of water depends upon the elevation of the land. If the land is on a higher level than that of the tank, it may not be possible.

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Mr. O. R. Chummar.—The answer to sub-division (c) of my question is 'Yes. The water so let out is being utilised for feeding the lands included in the Ayacut list'. Sir, then am I to understand that such water is not allowed to be used for the lands not included in the Ayacut list ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think the Member is under some confusion. The answer given is 'the water so let out is being utilised for feeding the lands included in the Ayacut list. The excess water goes through the canals within the Ayacut land and then goes into the river. That is how it is done.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Do you prohibit the use of such water for lands not included in the Ayacut list ?

President.—Water that is allowed to pass through the canals is made use of by the lands included in the Ayacut list and subsequently empties itself into the river. My question is, without allowing it to empty itself into the river, could not excess water be used for the purpose of irrigating other lands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think it is not possible; it may not be possible to do that.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Do you interfere with such use? If it is not possible, they will not use.

President.—Water flows in a particular direction and there will be lands on both sides of the canals and water is made use of for irrigation purposes. The other lands may be farther away, and the water if once allowed to flow, cannot be taken back by you.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Do you prohibit the use of such excess water?

President.—No prohibition; but it will not be possible for them.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—You need not supply. It is enough, if they are allowed to make use of the excess water.

President.—But they will have to divert the course of the canal which may not be permitted, while those in the Ayacut list they may divert.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rule 7 lays down that the Tahsildar may, on the application of any ryot and on payment by the latter for each cultivation season, after inspection, sanction the supply of water to any land not included in the Ayacut list.

Mr. O R. Chummar.—My question is not that; water is let out by the Government, and it is allowed to waste. Does the Government prohibit the use of that water ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—After this excess water cannot be made use of by any land, the Government may not prohibit.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Have you received complaints from the persons who own lands within the Ayacut list regarding the diversion of water thus let out by others during the monsoon time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—May I give some information on this point, Sir? The channel is very deep and it is not possible to divert water unless a bund is constructed.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Have you prohibited the use of such water at any time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember.

The raising of the wages of the Sirkar servants.

166. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government to raise the wages of Sirkar servants drawing less than Rs. 15 per month since the budget session of 1100?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government have referred the subject to the Special Finance Committee for consideration.

The opening of a road in Kunnamkulam.

167. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 156 of the budget session of 1101:—

(a) whether the opening of the road or lane referred to in the question has been completed ; and if not;

(b) at what stage the matter is at present; and if the work has not been taken up ;

(c) why it has not yet been taken up ; and

(d) whether the opening of this road or lane which the Government have admitted to be necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children will receive the earliest attention of the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) and (b). The work has not been taken up.

(c) For want of funds.

(d) Yes, when funds are available.

The opening of Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas in Kattakampal, etc.

168. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 79 of the Vrischigam meeting in 1102, will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the question of opening Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas in Kattakampal and Kadangod Village Panchayat areas, has been inquired into; and if so, with what result; and

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